

# *Olympus High School Titan Times*

*November 2010*



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Students:

During the month of September Olympus High had a very successful Homecoming Week. The days were filled with activities and events which involved the students, staff and PTSA. The week was full of many activities and events which started off with an outside evening movie. Agora, powder-puff football, and the homecoming assembly kept students entertained. Many students enjoyed some exercise by participating in the torch run by running behind the touch carrier. Once at Olympus, students enjoyed a healthy meal that was sponsored by the "Be Strong" program. The lighting of the cauldron started a successful homecoming football game that was highlighted by fireworks after each score and at the conclusion of the game. The homecoming activities concluded with the homecoming dance that was held Saturday evening and was very well attended by the students. I greatly appreciate the students' and staff's participation, along with the PTSA supporting many of the homecoming activities. The students who participated in the homecoming activities had an enjoyable week.

This year the staff, students, and parents of Olympus High will continue to examine the educational practices of Olympus to help us prepare for our accreditation visit and identify ways to enhance student learning. We will examine our educational practices, curriculum design, teaching strategies, learning proficiencies, and community relations. I appreciated the parents who took a few minutes at parent/teacher conferences to fill out our school survey. We will utilize the feedback from the survey as we make educational decisions.

Three areas we continue to ask for your support in working with your student to improve school climate and student success are 1) the dress code policy 2) the no cell phone or electronic music devices in class policy and 3) the attendance policy. Please take a few minutes to review these policies with your student. These policies are outlined in our student handbook, the Ti Book, which was received at registration. Following these three policies will make a significant impact on a student's success in the classroom.

Through communication with parents and school, Olympus High will continue to provide students with an education that will give them the skills needed to be successful in life.

Thanks,

Mark Manning, Principal

## PTSA Presidents' Letter

Dear Olympus Students and Parents,

It has been another great month at Olympus! We had a great parent / teacher conference, new building plans were made available during the conference for neighbors and parents to vie and express concerns. The school hopes to bring in new Academies to the new school, so that students don't have to travel to the GTE building.

Our budget was voted on and approved unanimously which will provide us with the ability to have many wonderful and creative programs. Once again we are grateful for our "Be Strong" program, and encourage our students to participate in our "Be Strong Club" on Monday mornings at 7:15 AM. Meet the candidates night was on October 13th and had great participation, and we want to thank Linda Zenger for arranging the opportunity for all!

We want to express our appreciation for all of our volunteers for their help and participation in making the Olympus High PTSA a success!

Also, if you would like to volunteer, please fill out the form at the bottom of the newsletter and return it to the office. If your student returns the form to the office, they will receive a coupon for a **free drink at the shack**.

PTSA President- Sandy Decker *and* PTSA President -Kyra Shepherd

## Counseling Center

**2010 - 2011 ACT Test Dates**

Register for the ACT Test at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
December 11, 2010	November 5, 2010	November 6 - 19, 2010
February 12, 2011	January 7, 2011	January 8 - 21, 2011
April 9, 2011	March 4, 2011	March 5 - 18, 2011
June 11, 2011	May 6, 2011	May 7 - 20, 2011

**2010 - 2011 SAT Test Dates**

Register for the SAT Test at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

2010 - 2011 Test Dates	Test	Regular Registration Deadline (postmark / submit by)
December 4, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	November 5, 2010
January 22, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	December 23, 2010
March 12, 2011	SAT only	February 25, 2011
May 7, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	April 8, 2011
June 4, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	May 20, 2011

**The SAT is not offered at Olympus High School. The nearest location is The University of Utah.**

## **Counseling Center (cont')**

**Regents' Scholarship:** The Regents' Scholarship encourages Utah high school students to prepare for college academically and financially by taking a core course of study and saving for college. The Scholarship may be used at any public college or university in the Utah System of Higher Education, as well as at BYU, LDS Business College, and Westminster College. Graduating Class of 2011 Regents' Scholarship Application information:

- On-line application will open on November 22, 2010. Priority deadline is December 20, 2010
- Final Application deadline is February 1, 2011 - All deadlines are postmark deadline
- Incomplete files will not be reviewed. Late documents will not be accepted
- Application and additional information is available on [www.higheredutah.org](http://www.higheredutah.org) or call 801-321-7294

### **Seniors Year Timeline**

#### **October - December**

- Visit your target colleges and universities
- Apply for admissions to the colleges by the deadlines
- (The priority deadline for BYU and the University of Utah is Dec. 1)
- Find out about specific scholarships at these colleges and apply for them
- Go to [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) to find out about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and find out what you need to do to qualify for federal financial aid.

### **Math Tutoring Schedule**

- Mr. Lyons - B days after school
- Mr. Kushlan - T and TH before school
- Mrs. Rockwood - T-W-TH after school
- Mrs. Twitchell - W and F before school

Visit the Olympus High School Counseling Center website for more educational and career planning and scholarship information. [www.olympushigh.wikispaces.com](http://www.olympushigh.wikispaces.com)

### **Scholarship Application Workshop - November 10, 2010**

2:30 - 3:30 pm in the Career Center

The counselors will be available to help students find and fill out scholarship applications.

### **CPR - College Planning Relief - November 17, 2010**

7 - 8 pm in the ART SPACE

Olympus High School is hosting a workshop for all parents and guardians of college-bound students. Shorten the learning curve - Learn how to select the best college for your student and pay for it without jeopardizing retirement.

The one-hour workshop will:

- Discuss specific steps to take right now, even if there is little time to prepare
- Help minimize out-of pocket costs, whatever your income and assets
- Teach the key to maximize financial aid
- Explain how to make private colleges affordable
- Give Strategies to reduce time to graduation



# TITAN SINGERS' CHOIR CORNER

**COME SEE THE HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR!**

**"It's Christmas Once Again, Coach Scrooge"**

**Featuring:**

- Coach Mike Smith as "Coach Scrooge"
- Olympus Vocal Ensemble
- Chamber Singers
- Olympus Cheerleaders

**Date:** December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Olympus Auditorium

**Cost:** \$5.00

**General admission**



**Ticket Purchase at Oly Bookstore**

**Individual and Family = \$5/person**

**Special (for school group/church group/team etc.) presale price (groups of 10 or more)**

- **Advisor/Coach must purchase at Oly Bookstore by Mon, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>**
- **Check to Oly High = \$4.00/person**
- **Group must arrive and sit together (Advisor must verify group members at entry)**

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**Other Dec. Events:** Temple Square Concert - 12/19 @ 5:30 | Oly Holiday Concert - 12/21 @ 7p

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## Choir Quotes....

*"Concert Choir puts the super in Superman!"* –**Ellie Ott**

*"I love choir boys!"* –**Jennie Boyer**

*"I love giving back to the veteran's in the Veterans Day Concert every November. They gave their all for me and it's great to be able to share my talents with them."* –**Tyler Aldous**



*Art Department*  
*Enhance the New School . . .*

As you may know, Olympus High School is scheduled to be rebuilt in order to create a safer, more modern facility to meet the needs of our students. The spirit of Olympus has been formed by the community and the many influential and talented students, faculty, administration and staff who have learned, worked and played at Olympus over the last fifty-eight years. With collaboration, that same Olympus spirit will continue in the new building ensuring and supporting the growth and accomplishments of those to come in the future.

The current Olympus High Art Department hopes to honor the history of our aged school and enhance the halls of our new school with works of art produced by the many talented artists who have ties to Olympus High. Therefore, we have begun the process of contacting community members, teachers, administrators and alumni of Olympus who are artists or know artists who might like to donate an original work of art or perhaps a print to be exhibited in the new school. We would be delighted to display a variety of mediums such as paintings, drawings, illustrations, printmaking, photography, ceramics, graphic designs, sculpture, etc. Our sincere effort is not only to recognize the creative accomplishments of our alumni and faculty, but to inspire the hearts and minds of the thousands of students who will enter the classrooms of the new building.

For more information, please contact Jeremy Petersen at 358-646-5400 or [japetersen1@graniteschools.org](mailto:japetersen1@graniteschools.org) or simply bring your donated work to room 127 at Olympus High. Please include your name, contact information, the title of your work, the year of the work, the year you graduated or the years you taught. It would be our honor to have your work on display in the new school. If you are aware of other artists who might be interested in participating, please let us know.

Considering our wonderful Olympus community, we anticipate a great response to our request and are so excited to see an amazing collection of art embellishing the walls of the new Olympus High School. Thank you for your help.

Jeremy Petersen, Art Teacher

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*"Together We Can . . ."*

It's time for the Reflections contest again.

This year the Theme will be "Together We Can..." Be thinking of how you would interpret that theme artistically.

If you are an artist, a writer, a dancer, photographer, videographer, musician or you love the theatre, please consider submitting your talented work. Entry forms will be in the main office beginning today. The deadline to turn in work will be Thursday November 11, by 2:10

Entries will be judged and winners will be announced on November 19. They will also be displayed in the Artspace on November 19th, during the day including lunch.

Prizes will be awarded! This is a great chance to show your artistic talents to your friends and fellow students as well as qualified judges. Remember...."Together We Can"

√ Be sure to take this great opportunity!!!

# **BE STRONG for 2010-2011**

**Eat Right...Get Moving...Care...Be Smart...Feel Good**

**BE STRONG** is sponsored by the PTA helping Olympus students live happy, healthy lives.

- **BE STRONG** teaches life skills.
- **BE STRONG** aids in awareness.
- **BE STRONG** offers friendship.

**BE STRONG CLUB** is every Monday morning at 7:15 am.

- **Everyone is Welcome!!**
- Students are learning how to become more fit with a series of exercises that takes just 15 minutes a day!

Plan on your student attending every Monday morning at 7:15 am.

**THANK YOU** to Mrs. Edwards for the special appearance of the leads in the musical "CURTAINS," who sang at the October "Breakfast for a Buck."

## **\* FREE T-SHIRT! FREE BREAKFAST! \***

**BREAKFAST FOR A BUCK** is the first Wednesday of each month before school. For only \$1 your student can arrive at school and receive a healthy, balanced breakfast. For October we served ham and cheese breakfast sandwiches and sliced Bartlett pears. Plan on your student eating with us on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to Jennie Pinnock and her committee for feeding the Titans at Olympus a healthy breakfast.

**LUNCHTIME FORUMS** are the third Wednesday of each month during both lunches. We serve your student a healthy lunch and offer them extra credit. Our forum for November will be "School

Really Matters". The forums are fun, informative and well attended. Plan on your student attending the Lunchtime Forum with us on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Emily Ott and her committee for making this event so popular.

### **BE STRONG CALENDAR:**

#### **November: School Matters**

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| • November 1st  | Be Strong Club                          |
| • November 3rd  | Breakfast for a Buck (Ensemble)         |
| • November 8th  | Be Strong Club                          |
| • November 15th | Be Strong Club                          |
| • November 17th | Lunchtime Forum (School Really Matters) |
| • November 22nd | Be Strong Club                          |
| • November 29th | Be Strong Club                          |

**THANK YOU** to Wendy Zeigler and her committee for making the members of the Be Strong Club so much healthier and happier!

*"Just the Classics"*  
*Dance Program . . .*



Olympus High Dance Company and program present: "Just The Classics" on November 18th and 19th, 7:00 pm in the Olympus High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased online, in advance or at the door.

The concert will feature works presented by members of Olympus Dance Company and students enrolled in the dance program, Swing Club, guest choreographer Natosha Washington and others. Exploring themes such as classic fashion, art, music, history and the concept of being timeless, this concert is one not to miss.



Calling ALL PTSA VOLUNTEERS.....ALL PTSA VOLUNTEERS



We need your help!!!! Due to an oversight with our registration volunteer forms, we need everyone who filled them out (and those who still wish to volunteer) to resubmit the following form. Please send them back to the office, where your student will receive a coupon for a free drink at the shack. We are in need of volunteers for our Elementary Arts Project and our Senior Last Night Events. Even if you filled the form out at registration, we still need you to resubmit this form.

Elementary Arts Service Project – Oly students take music, art and dance to an elementary school within our community. Parents are needed to supervise and coordinate. Students are encouraged to contact the PTSA co-president (Sandy Decker 801-484-0848 or sandybd40@comcast.net) if they are willing to participate in this project (dance, visual art, ceramics, theater). We are also looking for a volunteer parent to coordinate this program.

\_\_\_\_\_ Student Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Coordinator

Senior Graduation Party – we need volunteers to serve on publicity, food, entertainment, and ticket committees as well as parents to chaperone the event.

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Volunteer

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Olympus Titans Boy's Lacrosse Fundraiser

# Silent Auction & Chili Dinner



November 18, 6 - 8 pm  
Olympus High School Cafeteria  
Family Fun, Prizes \$5/person

Public  
Welcome



Parent  
& Player  
Sign-Up Meeting

Grades 9-12  
November 9,  
7:00 pm  
Olympus High School  
Art Room